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SUBJ: 19TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL - ACTION BY UNDP
IN RESPONSE TO GA RES 3202 (S-VI) ON THE
PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER

1. COUNCIL HAD BEFORE IT A NOTE BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
(DP/GC/XIX/CRP.1) ON ACTION BY UNDP IN RESPONSE TO
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RES 3202 (S-VI).

2. IN INTRODUCING ITEM DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR (PATEL)
RECALLED RELEVANT DECISION AT COUNCIL'S EIGHTEENTH
SESSION, AND STATED ACTION BY UNDP CALLED FOR MAINLY IN
THREE AREAS: (A) ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY
AFFECTED BY THE PRESENT ECONOMIC CRISIS; (B) SUGGESTIONS
REGARDING STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOP-
MENT SYSTEM ENABLE TI CONTRIBUTE MORE EFFECTIVELY
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER; AND
(C) UNDP'S GENERAL CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRAMME OF ACTION.
HE POINTED OUT ACTIONS TAKEN BY UNDP IN PRESENT
INSTANCE ARE RELATED ACTIONS TAKEN IN CONNECTION
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WITH THE MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AS WELL AS PREPA-
RATIONS FOR SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF GA.

3. REFERRING CRP.1, PATEL DREW COUNCIL'S ATTENTION
TO UNDP'S CLOSE CO-OPERATION OTHER ORGANIZATIONS UNITED
NATIONS SYSTEM WITH FRAMEWORK OF ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION (ACC). INFORMED COUNCIL UNDP
HAD ALREADY PROVIDED THE SYG WITH INFORMATION AND
SUGGESTIONS REGARDING PREPARATIONS 7TH SS GA AS WELL
AS WITH MATERIAL FOR COMPREHENSIVE REPORT CALLED FOR UNDER
PARA 4 OF GA RES 3343(XXIX). PATEL ALSO REFERRED TO
DOCUMENT DP"49 PRESENTED AT EIGHTEENTH GC AND SUGGESTED
DETAILED REVIEW OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES CONTAINED THEREIN,
TOGETHER WITH PRESENT NOTE ADMINISTRATOR COULD USEFULLY
BE DRAWN UPON PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INPUTS TO BOTH
7TH SS GA AND THE MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL
EXERCISE.

4. REGARDING UNDP EFFORTS ASSIST MSA'S PATE SAID THAT
RESPONSES FROM GOVERNMENTS INDICATED THAT, WITHIN THE
CONTEXT ANNUAL REVIEWS, UNDP PROGRAMMES OF ASSISTANCE
ALREADY BEING ADJUSTED TO MEET EMERGING NEEDS. HOWEVER,
IN MANY INSTANCES ASSISTANCE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO
IDENTIFY THOSE NEEDS WHICH WERE NOT READILY DISCERNIBLE.
IT ALSO EVIDENT IMPORTANT TASK UN COULD BE ASSIST IN
DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES ADVANCEMENT OF
INDIVIDUAL SECTORS OF WHOLE ECONOMY ON BASIS IMPLICATIONS
CURRENT SITUATION.

5. WITH RESPECT POSSIBLE NEED FOR NEW DIMENSIONS IN
KINDS OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY UNDP, PATEL POINTED
OUT THAT, EVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF CLEARLY DEFINED
OBJECTIVES, UNDP PROGRAMME HAD BECOME MUCH MORE DIVER-
SIFIED AND SCOPE ITS ACTIVITIES HAD BROADENED CONSIDERABLY
SINCE ITS INCEPTION. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THIS
DIVERSIFICATION HAD OCCURRED IN PIECEMEAL MANNER AND
THAT SOME TRADITIONAL CONCEPTS OF WHAT COULD AND COULD
NOT BE DONE WERE STILL PREVALENT, OFTEN IMPEDING THE
FURTHER NATURAL EVOLUTION OF THE PROGRAM.
WHILE DISCLAIMING ANY INTENTION ON PART UNDP TAKE
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UNDP BEYOND ITS TRADITIONAL FUNCTION OF TECHNICAL
CO-OPERATION, PATEL SUGGESTED UNDP'S MANDATE
BE CONSIDERED IN TERMS ITS RELEVANCE EVOLVING NEEDS
OF THE LDC'S.

6. THIS CONNECTION, INVITED GC'S ATTENTION SUCH
QUESTIONS AS: (A) SHOULD NOT TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION
BE DEFINED IN TERMS ITS OBJECTIVES RATHER THAN

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TERMS OF WHICH INPUTS MAY OR MAY NOT BE LEGITIMATELY FINANCED? (B) SINCE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE COULD NOT MEANINGFULLY BE SEPARATED IN TIME, WOULD NOT THE UNDP'S ROLE MORE REASONABLY AND MORE ACCURATELY BE DESCRIBED AS ONE OF INVESTMENT SUPPORT RATHER THAN PRE-INVESTMENT ASSISTANCE? (C) SIMILARLY, SHOULD NOT UNDP OFTEN ENGAGE IN JOINT FINANCING WITH OTHER AGENCIES AND DONORS, INCLUDING UNCDF WHEN IT BECAME LARGE ENOUGH? (D) SHOULD NOT UNDP HAVE A PARTICULAR ROLE IN AREAS WHERE THE UN IS BETTER QUALIFIED TO ASSIST MEMBER COUNTRIES, E.G., PROMOTING CO-OPERATION IN THE USE OF MAJOR COMMON RESOURCES? AND (E) CAN AGENCY WHICH AIMS AT PROMOTING SELF-RELIANCE RESTRICT ITS ASSISTANCE TO FINANCING FOREIGN INPUTS ONLY, RATHER THAN FINANCING PROPORTION OF TOTAL COST OF ACTIVITY AND MONITORING PROGRESS THAT ACTIVITY AS A WHOLE?

7. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION. THIRTY-FIVE DELEGATIONS SPOKE TO THE ITEM. COUNCIL MEMBERS GENERALLY WELCOMED THE ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTE AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION PATEL'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS. MEMBERS GENERALLY AGREED AGENDA ITEM WAS ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT AT PRESENT SESSION, EXPRESSING VIEW THAT DECLARATION AND PRO-GRAMME OF ACTION ON NIEO GAVE NEW IMPETUS ACTIVITIES OF UN DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM AND THAT UNDP'S ROLE THAT SYSTEM SHOULD BECOME INCREASINGLY MORE IMPORTANT. MANY STATED ADMINISTRATOR'S PROMPT AND SERIOUS RESPONSE RESOLUTIONS STEMMING FROM 6TH SS GA GRATIFYING AND THEY LOOKED FORWARD HIS MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL'S 20TH SESSION.

8. SWEDEN, UK, BELGIUM, JAPAN IN REFERRING TO
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QUESTION OF NEW DIMENSIONS FOR UNDP STATED THAT ALTHOUGH THE GREATEST FLEXIBILITY IN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SHOULD BE SOUGHT, FUNDAMENTAL DIRECTION UNDP ACTIVITIES SHOULD REMAIN TOWARDS TECHNICAL AND PRE-INVESTMENT ASSISTANCE AS PROVIDED FOR IN CONSENSUS. FRG SPECIFICALLY EXPRESSED ITS OBJECTION TO ANY POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF UNDP INTO THE FIELD OF CAPITAL AID.

9. OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDING CHINA, ARGENTINA, INDIA STATED RECENT, PROFOUND CHANGES IN ECONOMIC PICTURE WORLD-WIDE DEMANDED EQUALLY FAR-REACHING CHANGES IN THE SCOPE AND CHARACTER OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY UNDP. INDIA, DAHOMEY AND OTHERS STRESSED RECIPIENT COUNTRIES SHOULD BE PERMITTED EXECUTE THEIR OWN DEVEL-OPMENT PROJECTS AND UNDP SHOULD CONSIDER PAYING ALL

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LOCAL COSTS IN CERTAIN INSTANCES. SOME MEMBERS SUGGESTED DRAFT STATUTE EXERCISE OFFERED OPPORTUNITY FOR REORIENTING UNDP'S POLICIES. MANY MEMBERS POINTED OUT REVIEW OF COUNTRY PROGRAMMING IN CONTEXT ADVENT SECOND DEVELOPMENT CYCLE WOULD PROVIDE VALUABLE INPUT ANY REORIENTATION RE KIND AND FORMS OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY UNDP.

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10. LINK BETWEEN EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION RESOURCES AND UNDP'S CAPABILITY RESPOND ADEQUATELY REQUIREMENTS OF PROGRAM OF ACTION POINTED OUT BY SEVERAL MEMBERS. EMPHASIZED IMPROVEMENT IN PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION CONTINUED TO BE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE.

11. REGARDING SPECIFIC STEPS TAKEN BY THE ADMINISTRATOR MANY MEMBERS GENERALLY EXPRESSED APPROVAL SURVEY BEING CONDUCTED IDENTIFY REQUIREMENTS OF MSA'S. APPROVAL EXPRESSED FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO ENERGY-RELATED PROJECTS. CUBA DEL STATED CONCERN THAT CONCRETE ACTION SEEMED TO BE CONFINED TO THIS FIELD. POINTED OUT OTHER AREAS AS FOOD PRODUCTION, TRADE, TRANSPORT AND INDUSTRY EQUALLY IMPORTANT.

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12. FRE NOTED MEASURES DESIGNED BRING CHANGES IN
THE EXISTING STRUCTURES AND INSTITUTIONS WITHIN UN
SYSTEM MIGHT AFFECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UNDP AND
THE PARTICIPATING AND EXECUTING AGENCIES WOULD PROBABLY
BE DISCUSSED DURING SEVENTH SS GA. FRG POINTED OUT
GC SHOULD CONTINUE FOLLOW DIRECTION OUTLINED JACKSON
REPORT AND TRY FURTHER DEVELOP THAT CONCEPT, BEARING
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IN MIND THE BERTRAND REPORT WHICH CONTAINED INTERESTING
ASPECTS THIS REGARD.

13. INDIA, ARGENTINA, GHANA AND OTHERS REFERRING TO
RESERVATIONS MADE CLEAR BY SOME GOVERNMENTS RE OUTCOME
OF 6TH SS GA VOICED THEIR CONCERN THIS MIGHT HAMPER
UNDP'S OVERALL RESPONSE TO PROGRAM OF ACTION. FRG
AND JAPAN WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR GOVERNMENT'S RE-
SERVATIONS ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF DECLARATION AND
PROGRAMME OF ACTION, STATED THESE WOULD NOT IMPINGE
ON SPHERE OF UNDP ACTIVITIES.

14. RELATING UNDP'S OBJECTIVES TO OTHER UNITED
NATIONS INTERESTS, SOVIETS AND EE'S EMPHASIZED
IMPORTANCE DETENTE AND DREW ATTENTION LINK BETWEEN
DEVELOPMENT PROGRASS AND PROGRESS TOWARDS WORLD DIS-
ARMAMENT. THEY ALSO REFERRED TO THE RECENTLY ADOPTED
CERDS AND SUGGESTED ITS PROVISIONS BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
IN ANY REORIENTATION OF UNDP ACTIVITIES.

15. U.S. STATEMENT. U.S. DEL (KITCHEN) SAID USG HAD
INFORMED THE SYG'S SPECIAL REP FOR THE UNEO ON ALL
ASPECTS OF USG'S BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO 32 MOST
SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES, ADDING RECENT FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE ACT REQUIRED THAT 70 PERCENT OF UNITED STATES
FOOD ASSISTANCE BE USED IN SUCH COUNTRIES. SAID IT
WAS LIKELY ACTIONS OF THE GA AT ITS SPECIAL SESSIONS
WOULD PLACE EVEN GREATER RESPONSIBILITY ON UNDP
RESREPS AS INTERPRETERS OF THE POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES
OF UN TO RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE RECIPIENT GOVERN-
MENTS THEY SERVED. THEREFORE, IT ESSENTIAL CONSIDER
POSSIBILITY OF CHARGING RESREPS WITH BROAD RESPON-
SIBILITY TO REPRESENT THE UNITED NATIONS SYTEM WITHIN
THEIR COUNTRY OF SERVICE. THEY ALREADY HAD
BEEN CALLED UPON TO INTERPRET PROGRAM OF ACTION AND
SERVE IN VARIETY OF AD HOC ROLES IN ADDITION THEIR
CENTRAL RESPONSIBILITIES. THUS IT SEEMED DESIRABLE
FOR COUNCIL PIONEER IN EXAMINING PROS AND CONS OF
SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT. IN VIEW U.S. DEL, ADVANTAGES
SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD OUTWEIGH DISADVANTAGES.
ADDED U.S. DEL FELT UNDP INTERCOUNTRY PROGRAMMING

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MIGH BENEFIT FROM BOTH A GLOBAL AND REGIONAL PROGRAMME DOCUMENT SETTING FORTH AREAS OF HIGH PRIORITY, AND GIVING GOVERNMENTS AND MULTILATERAL AGENCIES A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE STRATEGY THAT UNDP EMPLOYING REACH KEY TARGET AREAS ON GLOBAL AND REGIONAL BASIS. SUCH A STEP WOULD REPRESENT BEGINNING VITAL BRIDGE THAT MUST BE BUILT BETWEEN THE UN REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF PROGRESS IN THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE AND THE UTILIZATION OF UNDP RESOURCES.

16. RESPONDING DISCUSSION, PATEL REFERRED TO SPECIFIC COMMENTS WHICH LINKED UNDP'S OVERALL RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENTS OF PROGRAM OF ACTION WITH SUCH CONCERNS AS PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION, SECOND CYCLE COUNTRY AND INTERCOUNTRY PROGRAMMING, AND IMMEDIATE STEPS TAKEN TO AID MSA'S. HE SUGGESTED IN VIEW OF THESE BROAD INTERRELATIONSHIPS SEPARATE PAPERS RATHER THAN SINGLE REPORT BE PREPARED FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION WHEN IT AGAIN TOOK UP ITEM AT ITS TWENTIETH SESSION IN JUNE.

17. WITH REGARD TO U.S. SUGGESTION CONCERNING A COUNCIL REVIEW OF FUNCTIONAL ROLE OF RESREP, PATEL DREW ATTENTION SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS WHICH WOULD BE ATTENDANT UPON ENLARGEMENT OF RESREPS RESPONSIBILITIES TO INCLUDE THAT OF OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN ENTIRE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM.

18. DECISION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL.

BEGIN QUOTE:

AT ITS 454TH MEETING, THE GOVERNING COUNCIL:
(A) NOTED DP/GC/XIX/CRP.1 AND THE COMMENTS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE ADMINISTRATOR;
(B) INVITED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO PRESENT TO THE FIFTY-EIGHT SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL A PROGRESS REPORT BASED ON DP/GC/XIX/CRP.1 AND THE OBSERVATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL;
(C) INVITED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE FOR THE TWENTIETH SESSION COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENTATION WITH A

VIEW TO FACILITATING THE COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION TO

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THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AT THE NINETEENTH SESSION;
(D) NOTED THE DESIRABILITY FOR MEMBERS TO BE REPRESENTED AT AN APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL DURING THE CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THIS ITEM OF ITS AGENDA AT ITS TWENTH SESSION."

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